

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATESVILLE DIVISION
5:19-cv-00162-MR

VAN BRETT PIERRE WATKINS,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
)	
DERRICK COPELAND, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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This matter is before the undersigned following the Order of the District Court referring this case for a judicial settlement conference. Doc. 68.

A judicial settlement conference is set for **Tuesday, January 10, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

The conference will be conducted by telephone. Call-in information will be provided to Defendants by separate communication.

Plaintiff shall participate in the conference from his present place of incarceration. That institution shall ensure that the necessary accommodations are made to allow Plaintiff to participate in the settlement conference. To the extent possible, Plaintiff shall be allowed to participate in the settlement conference in a private setting and with access to his case materials.

Defendants and their counsel may participate in the conference from any location they deem appropriate, provided that Defendants and their counsel participate using a single conference line. Further, in accordance with this district's Local Civil Rule 16.3(d)(2), a person with full authority (not including counsel of record) to settle all pending claims must also participate in the conference on behalf of Defendants, to the extent Defendants themselves do not have such authority. Any such person shall also participate using the same conference line as Defendants and their counsel.

Any request seeking permission to modify the terms of this Order shall be filed no later than **December 27, 2022** or be subject to summary denial.

Defense counsel shall ensure that the Warden and/or Plaintiff's case manager at Plaintiff's present location receive(s) notice of the conference, including call-in information and a copy of this Order.

It is so ordered.

Signed: December 5, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Carleton Metcalf", written over a horizontal line.

W. Carleton Metcalf
United States Magistrate Judge

